

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [055] with the following amended paragraph:

--[055]In the case of humans "DC-Specific ICAM-Grabbing Nonintegrin receptor" or "DC-SIGN receptor" refers generically to DC-SIGN (described in Curtis et al., 1992) and/or DC-SIGNR (described in Pohlmann et al., 2001.), and/or a homologue of DC-SIGN or DC-SIGNR. One of skill in the art will recognize that there may be some situations in which use of one or the other of these forms of DC-SIGN receptor is preferable or even necessary. One of skill in the art will recognize that human DC-SIGN protein can be obtained from many sources. For example, human DC-SIGN can be purified from human dendritic cells which are obtained from an *in vivo* source, such as human blood, or purified from an *in vitro* source, such as human dendritic cells produced in tissue culture from human dendritic cell precursor cells. It is also possible to express human DC-SIGN using a recombinant system, using either cultured dendritic cell as a host or a suitable heterologous cell type, such as COS-7 or HeLa cells, or bacteria such as *E. coli*--